

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A test field system, including at least one test strip ~~(18)~~ with a test field ~~of (30)~~, and a measuring device having a test strip receiver for measuring the test field, ~~and having a test strip receiver (16), which the test strip receiver including~~ has a support surface (26) for the test strip and positioning means for holding the test strip ~~(18)~~ inserted in the strip receiver ~~(16)~~ so that at least a section of the test strip containing the test field ~~(30)~~ is held in a definite position relative to the support surface ~~(26)~~, the test field system comprising characterized in that the strip receiver (16) has having two holding means ~~(88;96;98)~~ spaced from one another on edge areas of the support surface (26) for holding fast associated edges of the test strip (18), and in that wherein the support surface (26) in the middle area between the holding means ~~(88;96;98)~~ is vertically displaced from the edge areas such that the test field of a test strip inserted in the test strip receiver is spaced apart from the support surface.

12. (Currently amended) A test strip system, according to Claim 11, further characterized in that the support surface (26) in said middle area has a projection ~~(94)~~ supporting the test field ~~(30)~~ of the test strip (18).

13. (Currently amended) A test strip system, including at least one test strip ~~(18)~~ with a test field (30), and a measuring device ~~(10)~~ for measuring the test field, the measuring device and having a strip receiver (16) including having a support surface (26) for the test strip and positioning means for securing the position of the test strip

inserted into the strip receiver so that, whereby the test strip (18) inserted into the strip receiver is so held that at least one section of the test strip containing the test field (30) is held at a definite position relative to the support surface (26), the test strip system comprising characterized in that the test strip receiver (16) has having an outer insertion end and an inner end, that near said inner end a spring arm (34) is arranged which spring arm rises extending outwardly from the support surface (26) toward the inner end of the strip receiver that and is elastically deflectable in a the direction toward the support surface, (26) and that a counter-pressure surface (36) is associated with overlying the spring arm and spaced apart therefrom, (34) in a spacing from the support surface (26) which counter pressure surface extends upwardly and rearwardly from the support surface (26) toward the inner end of the strip receiver generally parallel to the direction of the spring arm (34). the counter-pressure surface extending generally parallel to the direction of the spring arm wherein the spring arm engages an end portion of the test strip inserted in the strip receiver urging the test strip against the counter-pressure surface thereby securing the position of the test strip relative to the strip receiver.

14. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 13, wherein further characterized in that on the spring arm (34) is formed includes a detent projection (40) for reception in a detent recess defined by the test strip (38).

15. (Currently amended) A test strip system including ~~at least a test strip (18)~~ with a test field ~~of (30)~~, and a measuring device (40) for measuring the test strip, the measuring device having a test strip receiver (16) ~~having~~ including a support surface (26) for the test strip (18) and positioning means for securing the position of so holding the test strip (18) inserted in the strip receiver such (16) that at least a portion of the test strip (18) containing the test field (30) assumes a definite position relative to the support surface (26), the test strip system comprising characterized in that above the support surface (26) a pivotal clamping lever overlying the support surface and (46) is supported for a moment about an axis parallel to the support surface, the which

clamping lever ~~including a~~ has a clamping arm (48) biased toward the support surface (26) and engageable with a surface of the test strip opposite the support surface for securing the position of the test strip relative to the support surface.

16. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 15, further characterized in that the clamping arm (48) has a detent projection (52) ~~intended for~~ reception in a detent recess ~~(38) of~~ defined by the test strip (48).

17. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 15, further characterized in that the clamping arm (48) of the clamping lever (46) is connected with a second lever arm forming an actuating arm (50) against which a spring ~~(34)~~ works and biases the clamping arm (48) toward the support surface ~~(26)~~ in a clamping position.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 15, wherein ~~further the clamping arm defines~~ characterized in that a flat a groove in a surface thereof facing the support surface (47) for guiding the test strip (48) during insertion thereof in the strip receiver is formed in the surface of the clamping arm (48) of the clamping lever (46) which faces the support surface (26).

20. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 19, wherein the clamping arm further comprises opposing edge flanges adjacent the groove, the edge flanges received in ~~further characterized in that groove (47) bordering edge flanges (49)~~ of the clamping arm are received in complementary groove-shaped recesses (51) in defined by the when the clamping arm is in said clamping position, the support surface (26) ~~in the clamping position of the clamping lever (46).~~

21-23. (Cancelled)